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13	Plaintiff,	DISCOVERY MOTION	
14	V.	JOINT STIPULATION REGARDING DEFENDANT'S	
15	RMG TECHNOLOGIES, INC., a	MOTION TO COMPEL PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS	
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23	RMG'S INTRODI	ICTORY STATEMENT	
24	RMG'S INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT  Ticketmaster, LLC (hereinafter "Ticketmaster"), the Plaintiff in this matter		
25	delivered a Joint Stipulation Regarding Motion to Compel on RMC		
26	TECHNOLOGIES, INC. ("RMG"), after regular office hours on March 12, 2008.		
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On March 20, 2000 at 12:00 a.m., RMG delivered its portion for the joint

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stipulation on motion to compel. LR 37-2.1 states in relevant part, "[t]he stipulation shall contain all issues in dispute and, with respect to each such issue, the contentions and points and authorities of each party." Accordingly, RMG included in its portion of the stipulation the fact that Ticketmaster has not produced a single document in this matter, that it has made frivolous objections, and it set forth all of the issues which it had pursuant to each request which Ticketmaster either failed to properly respond or which Ticketmaster failed to produce documents.

After receiving RMG's portion, Ticketmaster deleted the RMG's portion which dealt with Ticketmaster's failure to comply with discovery requests, claiming that while the motion is based on a joint stipulation, it is not a "joint motion." RMG's counsel stated that the Local Rules specifically require the joint stipulation cover all discovery issues in dispute between the parties and that Ticketmaster did not have permission to delete any of RMG's portions of the joint stipulation. Moreover, RMG's counsel stated that for the sake of judicial economy, and to save the Court and the parties from having to handle two different motions on two different days one week apart, that the discovery motion should be deemed a joint motion to compel. Ticketmaster's attorney stated that Ticketmaster did not want to do a joint motion.

Clearly, Ticketmaster would rather the Court resolve its discovery issues without having to confront the fact that it failed to produce a single document in this matter being before the Court. In order to simply move the case forward, RMG has signed the joint stipulation of Ticketmaster, even though it has deleted much of RMG's portion, and RMG will ask the honorable court to simply consolidate all of the parties' issues in one hearing.

Ticketmaster has asserted frivolous objections and employed dilatory tactics all to deprive RMG of its right to defend itself in this action. Pointedly, pursuant to Ticketmaster's Request for Production of Documents dated October 15, 2007 and

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the expedited discovery order of the court dated November 9, 2007 RMG has provided to Ticketmaster significant and proprietary documents related to its software products, including, the source code that drives its software product.

Nevertheless, Plaintiff has refused to provide any documents whatsoever to RMG notwithstanding the fact that RMG propounded its Request for Production on December 7, 2007. What makes Ticketmaster's actions even more egregious, is that it specifically requested an extension of time with which to respond to RMG's discovery request, only to fail to produce documents. As of the date of RMG's preparation of this stipulation, RMG still had not received one single piece of paper which was responsive to any of its document requests.

Documents which have been withheld by Ticketmaster are highly relevant to RMG's defenses in this matter. Specifically, Ticketmaster has claimed that it sustained damages in the form of increased costs of internet security. In response to this allegation, RMG requested documents concerning Ticketmaster's convenience charges. RMG contends that these documents would show whether Ticketmaster has actually passed off the costs of internet security to its customers, thereby, negating any such damages. Notwithstanding the obvious relevance, and clear need for this information, Ticketmaster refuses to produce any such documents under any condition. At the joint meet and confer of counsel on March 5, 2008 regarding both parties' issues concerning discovery, Ticketmaster's attorneys told RMG's counsel that RMG would need to make a motion to compel in order to obtain this When RMG's counsel asked Ticketmaster's counsel why it was information. refusing to produce documents which clearly are relevant to the matter, Ticketmaster's attorney claimed that he did not have authority to commit to producing the information.

Ticketmaster has failed to produce any documents which support its loss of goodwill claim, even though same have been requested. When RMG's counsel confronted Ticketmaster's counsel with the fact that said documents are relevant to

disproving Ticketmaster's claims, Ticketmaster's counsel agreed that they were relevant, yet refused to produce them.

On March 5, 2008, when counsel for Ticketmaster and RMG met and conferred regarding both parties in discovery responses, Ticketmaster's counsel requested that RMG provide further discovery responses by March 7, 2008. Upon RMG's counsel's inquiry as to when Ticketmaster would provide supplemental responses, Ticketmaster's counsel stated that Ticketmaster would be unable to provide a further response for at least 2 to 3 weeks, maybe longer; he refused to confirm any date for further responses or document production. RMG's counsel stated they would not be able to provide responses by March 7, 2008, as RMG's counsel had an appellate brief due in another matter on March 14, 2008, and a jury trial scheduled to begin on March 17, 2008. RMG's counsel suggested that the parties decide on another due date for both of their further responses. Ticketmaster's counsel refused to commit to a date for his client to provide further responses. Accordingly, the parties left the issue open. On March 12, 2008, without ever communicating with RMG's counsel about any further responses which it had pursuant to the meet and confer, Ticketmaster delievered its portion of a joint stipulation to RMG's counsel.

Based upon the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that it is Ticketmaster who must be compelled to provide another response to RMG's document requests, and to immediately produce documents.

## TICKETMASTER'S INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

Ticketmaster has always been prepared to provide many of the documents at issue in this motion upon entry of a protective order. Indeed, Ticketmaster asked RMG to stipulate to a protective order that is virtually identical to the protective order that was entered in a related case – *Ticketmaster L.L.C. v. Designer Tickets and Tours, Inc., et al.*, C.D.Cal., Case No. CV 07-1092 ABC (JCx). RMG refused to stipulate, as a result of which Ticketmaster has filed a motion for entry of a

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protective order, which will be heard concurrently herewith. Thus, a substantial portion of this motion is unnecessary and could have been avoided.

As to the rest, many of the items in dispute relate only to RMG's antitrust counterclaims, which were recently dismissed. Although RMG was granted leave to amend its counterclaims, the Court was skeptical RMG could plead a viable antitrust counterclaim. Thus, Ticketmaster believes it would be premature to be subjected to extensive discovery regarding claims that are likely to be dismissed (if, indeed, RMG even bothers to file amended counterclaims at all). As to those requests in dispute that do not relate solely to the antitrust counterclaims, the defects are specific to the particular requests and are thus addressed where appropriate below.

Finally, Ticketmaster will not belabor the Court with a response to RMG's irrelevant discussion of whether its motion to compel should have been shoehorned into Ticketmaster's separate motion to compel, other than to note that RMG's attempt to do so was improper.

#### A. **Ticketmaster's Claims.**

Ticketmaster ("Ticketmaster") distributes tickets for live entertainment events to the public through its "www.ticketmaster.com" website. (First Amended Complaint ("FAC"), ¶ 3.) The ability for customers to conveniently obtain tickets is integral to Ticketmaster's business. (See Declaration of Kevin McLain, filed in support of Plaintiff's Motion For Preliminary Injunction ("McLain Decl."), at ¶¶ 2, 6, 36, attached to the Declaration of Raaqim Knight ("Knight Decl."), filed concurrently herewith, as Exhibit ("Exh.") A.) Accordingly, Ticketmaster makes significant efforts to ensure that the largest possible number of consumers have access to tickets. (McLain Decl., ¶ 7.)

Because demand often exceeds the supply of tickets available through the website, Ticketmaster has developed and employs various means to regulate and ensure consumers' fair access to tickets. (Id., ¶¶ 6, 7, 8, 22.) These measures limit

the way consumers may use the website and are necessary to maintain Ticketmaster's reputation of being the most reliable source of event tickets. (*Id.*)

Ticketmaster alleges that RMG developed and sold automated devices whose sole purpose was to enable its customers to circumvent Ticketmaster's security measures and unfairly procure large quantities of tickets at a speed legitimate consumers could not match, in violation of the website's Terms of Use. (FAC, ¶ 4.) These automated devices also circumvented TM's access control and copy protection systems. (McLain Decl., ¶ 18.)

Ticketmaster alleges claims against RMG for copyright infringement, violations of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (17 U.S.C. § 1201), the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act (18 U.S.C. § 1030), California Penal Code § 502 et seq. and RICO statutes, breach of contract, intentional interference with contractual relations, inducing breach of contract, and fraud. Ticketmaster seeks, among other relief, damages and a permanent injunction.

Earlier in this case, Ticketmaster moved for a preliminary injunction, which was granted on October 16, 2007. The injunction enjoins RMG from creating, selling, facilitating the use of, or using "computer programs or other automatic devices to circumvent the technological copy protection systems in Ticketmaster's website," or otherwise violating ticketmaster.com's terms of use. (Order Granting Plaintiff's Motion for Preliminary Injunction ("Injunction"), attached to the Knight Decl. as Exh. C.)

#### B. RMG's Counterclaims.

RMG reflexively asserted counterclaims against Ticketmaster for antitrust violation, misuse of copyright, and violations of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act and California Penal Code Section 502. The Court granted Ticketmaster's motion to dismiss the antitrust and copyright counterclaims. (*See* Order Granting Motion to Dismiss ("12(b)(6) Order"), attached to the Knight Decl. as Exh. B.)

## C. RMG's Discovery Requests and Ticketmaster's Responses.

On December 7, 2007, RMG served its First Set of Document Requests, which contained 66 requests. Many of the requests seek highly sensitive technological information and financial information. Many requests also seek irrelevant information and appear to be intended only to harass Ticketmaster, increase the costs of litigation, and/or permit a fishing expedition into various aspects of Ticketmaster's business operations. Moreover, many of the requests are directed solely to RMG's now-dismissed counterclaims.

Ticketmaster agreed to produce documents in response to those requests that were proper, upon entry of a protective order. RMG refused to stipulate to Ticketmaster's proposed order, even though a virtually identical order had been entered in a related case – *Ticketmaster L.L.C. v. Designer Tickets and Tours, Inc.*, et al., C.D.Cal., Case No. CV 07-1092 ABC (JCx) – as a result of which Ticketmaster has had to move for entry of a protective order.

#### II. JOINT SPECIFICATION OF ISSUES IN DISPUTE

# A. TICKETMASTER'S UNFOUNDED OBJECTIONS AND FAILURE TO PRODUCE DOCUMENTS CONCERNING ITS CONVENIENCE CHARGES.

#### 1. Request for Production Nos. 1 through 3

### **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 1:**

Any and all DOCUMENTS which refer, reflect or relate to YOUR method of determining convenience charges for tickets sold on ticketmaster.com.

# **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 1:**

Plaintiff incorporates by reference each and every one of the General Responses and Objections as though fully set forth herein. Plaintiff further objects to this request because it seeks information neither relevant to the subject matter of this litigation nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it is vague and ambiguous, including but not limited to the term "method". Plaintiff further objects to this request to the extent it lacks foundation. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it is compound,

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overbroad, unduly burdensome and oppressive. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it seeks the production of documents containing confidential, sensitive, proprietary, commercial, business and financial information. Plaintiff further objects to this request to the extent that it seeks documents protected by attorney-client privilege or the work-product doctrine.

#### **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO.2:**

Any and all DOCUMENTS which refer, reflect or relate to all factors considered by YOU in determining convenience charges for tickets purchased on ticketmaster.com.

**RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO.2:** 

Plaintiff incorporates by reference each and every one of the General Responses and Objections as though fully set forth herein. Plaintiff further objects to this request because it seeks information neither relevant to the subject matter of this litigation nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it is vague and ambiguous, including but not limited to the term "considered". Plaintiff further objects to this request to the extent it lacks foundation. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it is compound, overbroad, unduly burdensome and oppressive. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it seeks the production of documents containing confidential, sensitive, proprietary, commercial, business and financial information. Plaintiff further objects to this request to the extent that it seeks documents protected by attorney-client privilege or the work-product doctrine.

## **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO.3:**

Any and all DOCUMENTS which refer, reflect or relate to the identity of all PERSONS involved in the decision making process of determining convenience charges for tickets purchased on ticketmaster.com.

**RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO.3:** 

Plaintiff incorporates by reference each and every one of the General Responses and Objections as though fully set forth herein. Plaintiff further objects to this request because it seeks information neither relevant to the subject matter of this litigation nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it is vague and ambiguous, including but not limited to the phrase "decision making process". Plaintiff further objects to this request to the extent it lacks foundation. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it is compound, overbroad, unduly burdensome and oppressive. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it seeks the production of documents containing confidential, sensitive, proprietary, commercial, business and financial information. Plaintiff further objects to this request to the extent that it seeks documents protected by attorney- client privilege or the work-product doctrine.

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#### **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 6:**

Any and all DOCUMENTS which refer, reflect or relate to any research which YOU conducted in determining convenience charges for tickets sold on ticketmaster.com

## **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 6:**

Plaintiff incorporates by reference each and every one of the General Responses and Objections as though fully set forth herein. Plaintiff further objects to this request because it seeks information neither relevant to the subject matter of this litigation nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it is vague and ambiguous, including but not limited to the term "research". Plaintiff further objects to this request to the extent it lacks foundation. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it is compound, overbroad, unduly burdensome and oppressive. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it seeks the production of documents containing confidential, sensitive, proprietary, commercial, business and financial information. Plaintiff further objects to this request to the extent that it seeks documents protected by attorney-client privilege or the work-product doctrine.

#### RMG's Contentions and Points and Authorities a.

Pursuant to FRCP 34(a)-(b), a party is obliged to produce all specified relevant and non-privileged documents or other things in it possession, custody or control on the date and time specified in the Request for Production of Documents. On December 31, 2007, RMG personally served its request for Production of Documents upon Ticketmaster's counsel. RMG requested that Ticketmaster "produce and permit the inspection and photocopying of documents and tangible things at the office of Coggan & Tarlow, 1925 Century Park East, Suite 2320, Los Angeles, California within 30 days of the service of the Request for Production of Documents. To date, Ticketmaster has not produced a single document responsive to any of RMG's document requests.

Ticketmaster has sued RMG for Violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, Violation of California Penal Code § 502, Fraud, Aiding and Abetting Fraud, Breach of Contract, Inducing Breach of Contract, Intentional Interference with Contract, and Violation of Civil RICO. All of these claims require Ticketmaster to prove the element of damages. See Lim v. The.TV International (2002) 99 Cal.

App.4th 684, 694. See also Fisher v. Paul Revere insurance Group, (C.A.9 Cal.))55 Fed. Appx., 414). (Damages are an element of fraud) See Computer Fraud and Abuse Act 18 U.S.C. 1030. (Requires \$5,000.00 in damage to a computer in order to sue civilly.) See Careau & Co. v. Security Pacific Credit, Inc., (1990) 222 Cal. App.3d 1371, 1388. (Plaintiff must plead and prove damages in order to prevail on a cause of action for breach of contract). See also Pacific Gas & Electric v. Bear Stearns & Company (1990) 50 Cal. 3d 1118, 1126. See Contemporary Investments, Inc. v. Safeco Title Insurance Co., (1983) 145 Cal. App. 3d 999, 1002. (Plaintiff must plead and prove the element of damages to prevail on causes of action for inducing breach of contract or intentional interference with contract.)

In ¶ 45 of Ticketmaster's First Amended Complaint—which is incorporated into the damages' paragraphs in nine of Ticketmaster's eleven claims—Ticketmaster asserts that it has been damaged by the "increased costs of data storage, troubleshooting and system maintenance."

In light of Ticketmaster's claim that it is damaged by paying costs associated with data storage, troubleshooting, and system maintenance, RMG propounded Request Nos. 1-3 and 6, to determine whether Ticketmaster has actually passed those costs on to its customers. Pointedly, if Ticketmaster did, it cannot claim that those costs as damages, because Ticketmaster would be whole. Further, if Ticketmaster has claimed damages for amounts that it has factored into its convenience charges, then Ticketmaster could not seek those costs for damages, because the convenience charges made it whole.

Moreover, Ticketmaster admitted in its response to RMG's Request for Production of Documents that "Convenience charges are based, among other things, on Plaintiff's cost of doing business, which is in turn affected by the cost of, among other things, Plaintiff's attempt to maintain a secure website." Thus, the documents requested in Requests 1-3 and 6, are relevant to the issue of how much

Ticketmaster has spent to maintain a secure Web site, which in this matter appears to be an element of their damages claim.

Based upon the foregoing, these requests are relevant to the matters set forth in this case, and Ticketmaster should produce them forthwith.

#### b. TM's Contentions and Points and Authorities.

The documents sought by Request Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 6 are irrelevant, and thus not discoverable under Rule 26(b)(1). RMG appears to be arguing that Ticketmaster cannot have been damaged if Ticketmaster could somehow manage to pass on to its own customers the incremental operating costs caused by RMG's misconduct. RMG cites no authority for this novel "offset" theory, nor could it. Every dollar Ticketmaster spends in efforts to prevent—or deal with the fall-out of—RMG's misconduct is a dollar that was not spent on some other product or service, and the harm to Ticketmaster is the same whether or not it could increase, or did increase, its convenience charges.<sup>1</sup>

Moreover, the convenience charges charged by Ticketmaster are governed by contracts between Ticketmaster and its clients. Determining the amount of those charges involves business negotiations and a host of other factors that have nothing whatsoever to do the with the claims in this case.

# c. Proposed Resolutions During the Conference of Counsel.

#### (1) RMG's Proposed Resolution.

RMG's counsel asked Ticketmaster if the documents responsive to Request Nos. 1-3 and 6 were being withheld based upon privilege, and whether Ticketmaster intended on producing them upon the execution of a protective order. Ticketmaster's counsel stated that Ticketmaster did not intend on producing said documents at any time, even though he acknowledged that they were probably

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RMG's argument is tantamount to a shoplifter arguing that he is not liable to the store for ensuing security enhancements if the store paid for those enhancements by raising its prices.

relevant to RMG's defenses in this matter. RMG's counsel proposed that since these requested documents are clearly relevant, that they be produced, forthwith, without objection. Ticketmaster's counsel told RMG's counsel that these were magistrate issues that would need to be resolved on a motion to compel.

#### (2) Ticketmaster's Proposed Resolution.

RMG's counsel did not ask during the mandatory conference of counsel whether Ticketmaster intended to produce any document upon the execution of a protective order. (Knight Decl., ¶ 9.) Instead, counsel for RMG stated that RMG's principals were angered by the adverse rulings in this case and would not agree to enter into any protective order. (*Id.*) Nor did counsel for Ticketmaster ever suggest that the documents in question were relevant, because they are not. (*Id.*) Instead, as RMG acknowledged in its portion of the Joint Stipulation Regarding Plaintiff's Motion to Compel, counsel for Ticketmaster stated that these documents were not relevant and would not be produced. (*Id.*, Ex. F.)

# B. TICKETMASTER'S UNFOUNDED OBJECTIONS AND FAILURE TO PRODUCE DOCUMENTS CONCERNING LOST GOODWILL, NO. 12.

## **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 12**

Any and all DOCUMENTS which refer, reflect or relate to any claim that YOU have made for loss of goodwill from January 1, 2002 to present, including, but not limited to corporate tax returns, financial statements and profit and loss statements.

## **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 12:**

Plaintiff incorporates by reference each and every one of the General Responses and Objections as though fully set forth herein. Plaintiff further objects to this request because it is vague, ambiguous and unintelligible, including but not limited to the phrase "any claim that YOU have made for loss of goodwill." Plaintiff further objects to this request to the extent it seeks information neither relevant to the subject matter of this litigation nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it is overbroad, unduly burdensome and oppressive. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it seeks the production of documents containing confidential, sensitive, proprietary, commercial, business and financial information. Plaintiff further objects to this request to the extent that it seeks documents protected by attorney-client privilege or the work-product doctrine.

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#### a. RMG's Contentions and Points and Authorities.

Pursuant to FRCP 34(a)-(b), a party is obliged to produce all specified relevant and non-privileged documents or other things in is possession, custody and control on the date and time specified in a Request for Production of Documents.

Ticketmaster has claimed in both its First Amended Complaint and the Motion for Preliminary Injunction, that it has sustained loss of goodwill based upon the alleged acts of RMG. RMG therefore, has requested all records reflecting any claims of loss of goodwill, as the records are relevant to Ticketmaster's loss of goodwill damages claim. Ticketmaster has refused to produce any records referring, reflecting, or relating to any loss of goodwill claims. None of its objections have any merit. Pointedly, the phrase "any claim that YOU have made for loss of goodwill" is very direct and simple English. Secondly, Ticketmaster's objection that this request is overbroad, unduly burdensome and oppressive is also without merit, as said requests are narrowly drawn. Nevertheless, and assuming, arguendo, that the request are overly broad, Ticketmaster was required to respond to the non-objectionable portion of each such request and to identify the sources of responsive documents not reasonably accessible. See Fed.R.Civ.P. 34(b). Finally, assuming Ticketmaster's objection—that this request is unduly burdensome and oppressive— is meritorious, then the only logical inference that can be drawn is that Ticketmaster has not produced these documents to determine its own claim for a loss of goodwill. Thus, Ticketmaster is conceding that it filed its claim for a loss of goodwill without any documents to support this claim.

# b. Ticketmaster's Contentions and Points and Authorities.

What Request No. 12 seeks is all documents relating to any claim for loss of goodwill, regardless of whether the claim relates to RMG or the issues in this case. The Request is overbroad and seeks irrelevant material, because the only loss of goodwill relevant here is any loss caused by RMG's unlawful conduct, which only came to light last year.

Nor is the notion of lost goodwill limited to any technical use of that term as it might appear in financial documents. The harm to goodwill from RMG's misconduct includes negative stories about Ticketmaster in the media, dissatisfied customers and dissatisfied clients. That harm, which is both tangible and intangible, is not necessarily encapsulated by any entry for goodwill in a balance sheet.

In any event, and contrary to RMG's suggestion, Ticketmaster's objection to this request is certainly not an admission that it lacks documents to support its loss of goodwill. Rather, the request as phrased is defective, and appears to be primarily an attempt to obtain sensitive financial data, including tax returns—the production of which is disfavored (*see* 26 U.S.C. § 6103)—as a fishing expedition.

## c. Proposed Resolutions During the Conference of Counsel.

#### (1) RMG's Proposed Resolution.

During the meet and confer, RMG's counsel explained that Tickemaster is claiming it lost goodwill, and used that as a basis to obtain a preliminary injunction. Therefore, RMG sought documents such as tax records, financial statements, etc reflecting a loss of goodwill. RMG is entitled to those documents in order to evaluate what Ticketmaster believes its goodwill was worth. If Ticketmaster did not claim any loss of goodwill, then RMG is entitled to use that information to show that the claim is unmeritorious. Ticketmaster's counsel stated "I see your point" and offered to go to his client and see if his client was willing to supplement the response. Further, Ticketmaster's counsel stated that he would contact RMG's counsel soon thereafter and tell him whether Ticketmaster agreed to supplement the response. However, Ticketmaster served this stipulation prior to notifying RMG's counsel as to whether it would supplement this response.

### (2) Ticketmaster's Proposed Resolution.

During the mandatory conference of counsel, Ticketmaster's counsel explained that the requested documents were irrelevant and highly sensitive.

(Knight Decl., ¶ 10.) RMG's counsel stated that not claiming a loss of goodwill on its tax returns would constitute an admission by Ticketmaster that it had not lost any goodwill. (*Id.*) While indicating that he understood RMG's logic, Ticketmaster's counsel reiterated that the documents in question do not appear to be relevant, that they are highly confidential, and that he was skeptical whether a corporation's tax returns would indicate lost goodwill in any event. (*Id.*)

In an attempt to compromise, Ticketmaster's counsel informed RMG's counsel that he would research the issue further, and that Ticketmaster would supplement its response if the law so required. Having done so, Ticketmaster continues to believe that its objections are valid. (*Id.*)

# TICKETMASTER'S UNFOUNDED OBJECTIONS AND FAILURE TO PRODUCE DOCUMENTS CONCERNING ITS CONVENIENCE CHARGES.

#### **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 33:**

Any and all DOCUMENTS which refer, reflect or relate to any PERSON who YOU have employed, either as an employee or an independent contractor, in an attempt to stop the use of spiders, robots, bots, automated devices or automated processes on the ticketmaster.com website.

## **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 33:**

Plaintiff incorporates by reference each and every one of the General Responses and Objections as though fully set forth herein. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it is vague and ambiguous, including but not limited to the phrase "employed . . . in an attempt". Plaintiff further objects to this request to the extent that it lacks foundation. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it is overbroad, unduly burdensome and oppressive. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it seeks the production of documents containing confidential, sensitive, proprietary, commercial, business and financial information. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it violates the right to privacy of a third party. Plaintiff further objects to this request to the extent that it seeks documents protected by attorney-client privilege or the work-product doctrine.

## A. RMG's Contentions and Points and Authorities

In this request, RMG simply asks for all documents which reflect the witnesses who have knowledge of Ticketmaster's attempt to stop the use of spiders,

robots, bots, automated devices or automated processes on its Web site. Ticketmaster's objection that this request is vague, ambiguous or overbroad, unduly burdensome or oppressive, or that it calls for any confidential information is simply baseless, as this request would lead to the identity of witnesses. In fact, these are precisely the types of documents which should have been provided with initial disclosures. Pointedly, Rule 26(1)(A) specifically requires Ticketmaster to identify the name, address and telephone number of each individual likely to have discoverable information that Ticketmaster may use to support its claims and defenses. For Ticketmaster to withhold documents which simply refer, reflect or relate to these witnesses is improper and in bad faith.

## B. <u>Ticketmaster's Contentions and Points and Authorities</u>

Ticketmaster has provided the following supplemental response to this request: "Following entry of a protective order, Plaintiff will make available for inspection all relevant, non-privileged documents relating to attempts by Ticketmaster's employees or independent contractors working on its behalf to stop the use of spiders, robots, bots, automated devices or automated processes on the ticketmaster.com website."

# C. PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS DURING THE CONFERENCE OF COUNSEL.

## 1. RMG's Proposed Resolution.

During the mandatory meeting of counsel, Ticketmaster's counsel stated that Ticketmaster would produce the documents requested in number 33. However, to date, no such document has been produced.

### 2. Ticketmaster's Proposed Resolution.

During the mandatory meeting of counsel, Ticketmaster's counsel informed counsel for RMG that Ticketmaster would produce responsive documents subject to a protective order because they are confidential. (Knight Decl., ¶ 11.) RMG

refused to stipulate to a protective order, as a result of which Ticketmaster has moved for entry of a protective order.  $(Id., \P 95, 6, 8.)$ 

# D. TICKETMASTER'S REFUSAL TO PRODUCE DOCUMENTS RESPONSIVE TO REQUEST NUMBERS 46-48

#### **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 46:**

Any and all DOCUMENTS which refer, reflect or relate to all tickets to the "Hannah Montana & Miley Cyrus: Best of Both Worlds Tour" which were sold on TicketExchange portion of the ticketmaster.com website from January 1, 2007 to present.

## **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 46:**

Plaintiff incorporates by reference each and every one of the General Responses and Objections as though fully set forth herein. Plaintiff further objects to this request because it seeks information neither relevant to the subject matter of this litigation nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it is overbroad, unduly burdensome and oppressive. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it seeks the production of documents containing confidential, sensitive, proprietary, commercial, business and financial information. Plaintiff further objects to this request to the extent that it seeks documents protected by attorney- client privilege or the work-product doctrine. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the grounds that it is premature, given Plaintiff's pending motion to dismiss Defendant's counterclaim.

#### **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 47:**

Any and all DOCUMENTS which refer, reflect or relate to all convenience charges YOU were paid as a result of sales on the TicketExchange portion of the ticketmaster.com website for the "Hannah Montana & Miley Cyrus: Best of Both Worlds Tour" from January 1, 2007 to present.

# **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 47:**

Plaintiff incorporates by reference each and every one of the General Responses and Objections as though fully set forth herein. Plaintiff further objects to this request because it seeks information neither relevant to the subject matter of this litigation nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it is overbroad, unduly burdensome and oppressive. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it seeks the production of documents containing confidential, sensitive, proprietary, commercial, business and financial information. Plaintiff further objects to this request to the extent that it seeks documents protected by attorney- client privilege or the work-product doctrine. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the grounds that it is premature, given Plaintiff's pending motion to dismiss Defendant's counterclaim.

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**REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 48:** 

Any and all DOCUMENTS which refer, reflect or relate to any agreements you had with any PERSON to sell tickets to the "Hannah Montana & Miley Cyrus: Best of Both Worlds Tour."

**RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 48:** 

Plaintiff incorporates by reference each and every one of the General Responses and Objections as though fully set forth herein. Plaintiff further objects to this request because it seeks information neither relevant to the subject matter of this litigation nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it is overbroad, unduly burdensome and oppressive. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it seeks the production of documents containing confidential, sensitive, proprietary, commercial, business and financial information. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it violates the right to privacy of a third party. Plaintiff further objects to this request to the extent that it seeks documents protected by attorney-client privilege or the work-product doctrine.

## 1. RMG's Contentions and Points and Authorities.

Pursuant to FRCP 34(a)-(b), a party is obliged to produce all specified relevant and non-privileged documents or other things in is possession, custody and control on the date and time specified in a Request for Production of Documents.

In the MPI, Ticketmaster, through the declaration of its employee Kevin McLain, argued that Ticketmaster was losing goodwill due to the inability of children and their parents to obtain tickets to "Hannah Montana" events because of RMG's software programs. Mr. McLain stated that "[m]oney alone cannot compensate Ticketmaster for the harm caused by children who have been disappointed and parents who are angry with Ticketmaster when tickets are not available. Such people may never be Ticketmaster customers, and may develop negative impressions about Ticketmaster that last for years." In the declaration of its attorney Mark S. Lee, he attaches several articles regarding the unavailability of Hannah Montana tickets.

By submitting this evidence to the Court, Ticketmaster opened the door to discovery of information regarding Hannah Montana. Pointedly, Ticketmaster opened the door to whether or not RMG's software programs were actually the

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cause of the lack of tickets to this show. Specifically, RMG has the right to determine whether other factors caused the alleged loss of goodwill, including, but not limited to, the amount of tickets that were available to each show, agreements between Ticketmaster and the artist, her promoters, or venues regarding the amount of tickets Ticketmaster was allowed to hold back in order to sell them at a premium, above the "face price," on the auction portion or TicketExchange portions of Ticketmaster's Web site, or whether Ticketmaster encouraged its Web site users to purchase tickets for the show so it can sell them on the TicketExchange portion of its Web site.

Moreover, if a contributing factor to Ticketmaster's alleged lost goodwill was due to Ticketmaster withholding tickets, or selling tickets at a significant markup on its auction portion, or TicketExchange portion of its Web site, RMG would be entitled to a set off. Specifically, RMG would be entitled to a set-off from the amount of any lost goodwill damages it may be liable to pay, from the amounts that Ticketmaster was paid in the form of convenience charges or ticket markups. Thus, this requested information is highly relevant to RMG's damages defense.

#### Ticketmaster's Contentions and Points and Authorities. 2.

Ticketmaster is willing to produce, and in fact has produced, documents relating to the Hannah Montana incident. However, these requests go far beyond what conceivably could be relevant.

Request Nos. 46 and 47 relate solely to Ticketmaster's TicketExchange feature, which enables ticketholders to resell tickets on ticketmaster.com and has no relevance to Ticketmaster's claim that RMG's automated devices are disrupting the initial sale of tickets on ticketmaster.com. RMG's speculation that Ticketmaster held back tickets for Hannah Montana so that they could be sold on TicketExchange provides no basis for discovery. With limited exceptions, tickets are sold on TicketExchange after they have already been purchased in the initial sale, and it is only the initial sale that is at issue here. Indeed, the Court explained

this distinction in its order granting Ticketmaster's motion to dismiss RMG's antitrust counterclaims. (12(b)(6) Order, pp. 6:19-12:11.)

RMG's argument that the requests seek documents relating to other factors that may have caused Ticketmaster to lose goodwill is equally specious. The issue here is that RMG's automated devices deprived legitimate consumers of the opportunity to pay the face price for a ticket, which harmed Ticketmaster's relations with its customers and clients. Whether anyone other than RMG caused Ticketmaster harm or loss of goodwill does not affect RMG's liability for the harm that it has caused.

Finally, the documents requested in Request No. 48 are irrelevant. It is uncontested that tickets for the Hannah Montana concert were made available for sale through Ticketmaster. Plaintiff has provided no reason for needing to see the highly confidential contracts between Ticketmaster and its many clients across the country where the Hannah Montana concerts occurred.

## 3. Proposed Resolution During Conference of Counsel

#### a. RMG's Proposed Resolution.

RMG's counsel asked Ticketmaster if the documents responsive to Request Nos. 46-48 were being withheld based upon privilege, and whether Ticketmaster intended on producing them upon the execution of a protective order. Ticketmaster's counsel stated that Ticketmaster did not intend on producing said documents at any time. RMG's counsel proposed that since these requested documents are clearly relevant, that they be produced, forthwith, without objection. Ticketmaster's counsel told RMG's counsel "this is a magistrate issue" to be dealt with on a motion to compel.

#### b. TM's Proposed Resolution.

During the mandatory meeting of counsel, counsel for RMG admitted that these requests related to RMG's antitrust counterclaims. (Knight Decl., ¶ 12.) Ticketmaster's counsel stated that these requests were premature because the Court

had not yet ruled on Ticketmaster's motion to dismiss RMG's counterclaims (it has since been granted). (*Id.*) Counsel for RMG countered that even if its counterclaims were ultimately dismissed, RMG still asserted antitrust violations as an affirmative defense. (*Id.*) Ticketmaster's counsel responded that any affirmative defense predicated on antitrust violations would suffer the same infirmities as RMG's counterclaims, and thus the same basis for Ticketmaster's objections would apply. (*Id.*)

# E. TICKETMASTER'S REFUSAL TO PRODUCE DOCUMENTS PURSUANT TO RMG REQUEST NUMBERS 51-66.

#### **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 49:**

Any and all DOCUMENTS which refer, reflect or relate to any tickets purchased by or on behalf of Thomas J. Prior on the ticketmaster.com website from February 1, 2007 to present.

## **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 49:**

Plaintiff incorporates by reference each and every one of the General Responses and Objections as though fully set forth herein. Plaintiff further objects to this request to the extent that it seeks information neither relevant to the subject matter of this litigation nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it is overbroad, unduly burdensome and oppressive. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it seeks the production of documents containing confidential, sensitive, proprietary, commercial, business and financial information. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it violates the right to privacy of a third party. Plaintiff further objects to this request to the extent that it seeks documents protected by attorney-client privilege or the work-product doctrine. Subject to and without waiving the foregoing objections, Plaintiff responds as follows: Plaintiff will make all relevant, non-privileged responsive documents available for inspection under mutually agreeable terms, following entry of a mutually agreeable protective order.

## **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 50:**

Any and all DOCUMENTS which refer, reflect or relate to any tickets purchased by or on behalf of Gary Charles Bonner on the ticketmaster.com website from February 1, 2007 to present.

## **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 50:**

Plaintiff incorporates by reference each and every one of the General Responses and Objections as though fully set forth herein. Plaintiff further objects to this request to the extent that it seeks information neither relevant to the subject matter of this litigation nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Plaintiff

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further objects to this request on the ground that it is overbroad, unduly burdensome and oppressive. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it seeks the production of documents containing confidential, sensitive, proprietary, commercial, business and financial information. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it violates the right to privacy of a third party. Plaintiff further objects to this request to the extent that it seeks documents protected by attorney-client privilege or the work-product doctrine. Subject to and without waiving the foregoing objections, Plaintiff responds as follows: Plaintiff will make all relevant, non-privileged responsive documents available for inspection under mutually agreeable terms, following entry of a mutually agreeable protective order.

#### **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 51:**

Any and all DOCUMENTS which refer, reflect or relate to any tickets purchased by or on behalf of Designer Tickets on the ticketmaster.com website from February 1, 2007 to present.

#### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 51:**

Plaintiff incorporates by reference each and every one of the General Responses and Objections as though fully set forth herein. Plaintiff further objects to this request to the extent that it seeks information neither relevant to the subject matter of this litigation nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it is overbroad, unduly burdensome and oppressive. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it seeks the production of documents containing confidential, sensitive, proprietary, commercial, business and financial information. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it violates the right to privacy of a third party. Plaintiff further objects to this request to the extent that it seeks documents protected by attorney-client privilege or the work-product doctrine.

## **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 52:**

Any and all DOCUMENTS which refer, reflect or relate to any communications that YOU have had with Barry's Tickets, located in Los Angeles, California, regarding the possible sale of the Barry's Tickets business to YOU.

#### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 52:**

Plaintiff incorporates by reference each and every one of the General Responses and Objections as though fully set forth herein. Plaintiff further objects to this request because it seeks information neither relevant to the subject matter of this litigation nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it lacks foundation. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it violates the right to privacy of a third party. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the grounds that it is premature, given Plaintiff's pending motion to dismiss Defendant's counterclaim

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#### **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 53:**

Any and all DOCUMENTS which refer, reflect or relate to any communications that YOU have had with Sea Coast Ticket Agency, Inc. located in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, regarding the possible sale of the Sea Coast Ticket Agency business to YOU.

## **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 53:**

Plaintiff incorporates by reference each and every one of the General Responses and Objections as though fully set forth herein. Plaintiff further objects to this request because it seeks information neither relevant to the subject matter of this litigation nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it lacks foundation. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it violates the right to privacy of a third party. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the grounds that it is premature, given Plaintiff's pending motion to dismiss Defendant's counterclaim.

#### **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 54:**

Any and all DOCUMENTS which refer, reflect or relate to any communications that YOU have had with Total Travel and Tickets in Florida regarding the possible sale of the Total Travel and Tickets business to YOU.

#### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 54:**

Plaintiff incorporates by reference each and every one of the General Responses and Objections as though fully set forth herein. Plaintiff further objects to this request because it seeks information neither relevant to the subject matter of this litigation nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it lacks foundation. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it violates the right to privacy of a third party. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the grounds that it is premature, given Plaintiff's pending motion to dismiss Defendant's counterclaim.

#### **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 55:**

Any and all DOCUMENTS which refer, reflect or relate to any communications that YOU have had with Admit One, located in New York, new York regarding the possible sale of the Admit One business to YOU.

#### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 55:**

Plaintiff incorporates by reference each and every one of the General Responses and Objections as though fully set forth herein. Plaintiff further objects to this request because it seeks information neither relevant to the subject matter of this litigation nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it lacks foundation. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it violates the

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**REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 56:** 

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**REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 57:** 

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Any and all DOCUMENTS which refer, reflect or relate to any tickets that YOU have sold to Barry's Tickets in Los Angeles, California from January 1, 2007 to present.

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Plaintiff incorporates by reference each and every one of the General Responses and Objections as though fully set forth herein. Plaintiff further objects to this request because it seeks information neither relevant to the subject matter of this litigation nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of a facility with the control of the cont

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Any and all DOCUMENTS which refer, reflect or relate to any complementary tickets that YOU have given to Barry's Tickets in Los Angeles, California from January 1, 2007 to present.

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**RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 58:** 

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Plaintiff incorporates by reference each and every one of the General Responses and Objections as though fully set forth herein. Plaintiff further objects to this request because it seeks information neither relevant to the subject matter of this litigation nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Plaintiff

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**REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 59:** 

Any and all DOCUMENTS which refer, reflect or relate to any tickets that YOU have sold to Sea Coast Ticket Agency, located in Portsmouth, New Hampshire from January 1, 2007 to present.

**RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 59:** 

Plaintiff incorporates by reference each and every one of the General Responses and Objections as though fully set forth herein. Plaintiff further objects to this request because it seeks information neither relevant to the subject matter of this litigation nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Plaintiff further objects to this request to the extent that it lacks foundation. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it violates the right to privacy of a third party. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the grounds that it is premature, given Plaintiff's pending motion to dismiss Defendant's counterclaim

**REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 60:** 

Any and all DOCUMENTS which refer, reflect or relate to any complementary tickets that YOU have given to Sea Coast Ticket Agency, located in Portsmouth, New Hampshire from January 1, 2007 to present.

**RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 60:** 

Plaintiff incorporates by reference each and every one of the General Responses and Objections as though fully set forth herein. Plaintiff further objects to this request because it seeks information neither relevant to the subject matter of this litigation nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Plaintiff further objects to this request to the extent that it lacks foundation. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it violates the right to privacy of a third party. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the grounds that it is premature, given Plaintiff's pending motion to dismiss Defendant's counterclaim.

**REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 61:** 

Any and all DOCUMENTS which refer, reflect or relate to any tickets that YOU have sold to Total Travel and Tickets, located in Florida, from January 1, 2007 to present.

**RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 61:** 

Plaintiff incorporates by reference each and every one of the General Responses and Objections as though fully set forth herein. Plaintiff

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#### **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 62:**

Any and all DOCUMENTS which refer, reflect or relate to any complementary tickets that YOU have given to Total Travel and Tickets, located in Florida from January 1, 2007 to present.

#### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 62:**

Plaintiff incorporates by reference each and every one of the General Responses and Objections as though fully set forth herein. Plaintiff further objects to this request because it seeks information neither relevant to the subject matter of this litigation nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Plaintiff further objects to this request to the extent that it lacks foundation. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it violates the right to privacy of a third party. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the grounds that it is premature, given Plaintiff's pending motion to dismiss Defendant's counterclaim.

### **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 63:**

Any and all DOCUMENTS which refer, reflect or relate to any tickets that YOU have sold to Admit One, located in New York, from January 1, 2007 to present.

#### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 63:**

Plaintiff incorporates by reference each and every one of the General Responses and Objections as though fully set forth herein. Plaintiff further objects to this request because it seeks information neither relevant to the subject matter of this litigation nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Plaintiff further objects to this request to the extent that it lacks foundation. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it violates the right to privacy of a third party. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the grounds that it is premature, given Plaintiff's pending motion to dismiss Defendant's counterclaim.

#### **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 64:**

Any and all DOCUMENTS which refer, reflect or relate to any complementary tickets that YOU have given to Admit One, located in New York, from January 1, 2007 to present.

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COGGAN & TARLOW LOS ANGELES NEW YORK **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 64:** 

Plaintiff incorporates by reference each and every one of the General Responses and Objections as though fully set forth herein. Plaintiff further objects to this request because it seeks information neither relevant to the subject matter of this litigation nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Plaintiff further objects to this request to the extent that it lacks foundation. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it violates the right to privacy of a third party. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the grounds that it is premature, given Plaintiff's pending motion to dismiss Defendant's counterclaim.

**REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 65:** 

Any and all DOCUMENTS which refer, reflect or relate to any tickets that YOU have sold to As Off Music from January 1, 2007 to present.

**RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 65:** 

Plaintiff incorporates by reference each and every one of the General Responses and Objections as though fully set forth herein. Plaintiff further objects to this request because it seeks information neither relevant to the subject matter of this litigation nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Plaintiff further objects to this request to the extent that it lacks foundation. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it violates the right to privacy of a third party. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the grounds that it is premature, given Plaintiff's pending motion to dismiss Defendant's counterclaim.

**REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 66:** 

Any and all DOCUMENTS which refer, reflect or relate to any complementary tickets that YOU have given to As Off Music from January 1, 2007 to present.

**RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 66:** 

Plaintiff incorporates by reference each and every one of the General Responses and Objections as though fully set forth herein. Plaintiff further objects to this request because it seeks information neither relevant to the subject matter of this litigation nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Plaintiff further objects to this request to the extent that it lacks foundation. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it violates the right to privacy of a third party. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the grounds that it is premature, given Plaintiff's pending motion to dismiss Defendant's counterclaim.

1. RMG's Contentions and Points and Authorities.

Pursuant to FRCP 34(a)-(b), a party is obliged to produce all specified relevant and non-privileged documents or other things in is possession, custody and

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Ticketmaster claims in this lawsuit, that its "terms of use" prohibit commercial use of its Web site. (First Amended Complaint ¶ 22). However, it has come to RMG's attention that Ticketmaster is, or has been in negotiations to purchase the ticket agencies set forth in Requests 51 through 66, and has brought this lawsuit in order to monopolize the secondary market for ticket sales. In fact, RMG's 10th Affirmative defense is "Plaintiff's FAC, and each of its purported claims fail, as this is a frivolous action as same has been brought solely to control competition and violate antitrust laws." Further, RMG's 13th Affirmative Defense is "the FAC, and each and every cause of action therein, is barred by the doctrine of unclean hands." Moreover, RMG's Third Affirmative Defense is "Plaintiff's FAC, and each of its purported claims, is barred by the Doctrine of Waiver."

First, if Ticketmaster is knowingly allowing the ticket agencies set forth in Requests 51 to 66 to purchase tickets from its Web site, any documents showing this would prove that it has consistently waived the terms of use provision prohibiting users from using the Web site for commercial use.

**Second,** if Ticketmaster has tried to acquire these ticket agencies, that would be evidence of its attempt to obtain a monopoly in the secondary market, which would support RMG's 10th and 13th Affirmative defenses.

Third, if Ticketmaster is providing "hard to come by" tickets to ticket agencies, and not selling the same to the public, that fact alone would show that Ticketmaster is injuring its own goodwill by expressly depriving the ticket buying public of tickets, in order to placate companies which it intends on inquiring.

### 2. TM's Contentions and Points and Authorities.

These requests clearly relate to RMG's dismissed counterclaims. RMG has not filed amended counterclaims, and even if it does, the Court has already expressed skepticism that those counterclaims would survive another motion to dismiss. (See 12(b)(6) Order, p. 9:15-19 (RMG's counterclaim "facially

unsustainable").) Thus, Ticketmaster should not be subjected to discovery that only relates to claims that are unlikely to survive. Insofar as RMG has asserted affirmative defenses that are based on the same legal theories that have failed as affirmative claims, those defenses provide no basis for the discovery requests either.<sup>2</sup>

Equally without merit is RMG's half-baked speculation that these documents might show that Ticketmaster is either harming itself or waiving its own terms of use if Ticketmaster is selling tickets to certain ticket agencies. The issue in this case is whether RMG is assisting its customers to improperly access and navigate Ticketmaster's website through the use of automated devices. Whether Ticketmaster sold tickets to certain ticket agencies has no relevance whatsoever to that issue. Moreover, there would be no "waiver" of Ticketmaster's terms of use even if, in RMG's hypothetical, ticket agencies bought tickets through Ticketmaster's website, unless, at a minimum, Ticketmaster was aware that those agencies were violating the terms of use, Ticketmaster had the power to stop it, and Ticketmaster instead voluntarily relinquished any right to challenge it. There is no evidence whatsoever that that is occurring or has ever occurred.

# 3. Proposed Resolution During Conference Of Counsel.

### a. RMG'S Proposed Resolution.

At conference of counsel, RMG proposed that Ticketmaster produce all documents responsive to request numbers 51 to 66, as all of same are relevant to its affirmative defenses. Counsel for RMG explained that said requests are not premature, as they are relevant to RMG's affirmative defenses, numbers 10 and 13, for frivolous action in an attempt to violate anti-trust laws and unclean hands,

Some of these affirmative defenses are also patently meritless. For example, RMG contends that one of its affirmative defense alleges that "this is a frivolous action." To the contrary, the Court, in issuing an injunction against RMG, acknowledged that Ticketmaster is "highly likely to succeed" on its claims against RMG. (Injunction, p. 12:6-10, 18:2-8, 18:11-12, 20:2-7, 21:3-4, 23:4-5, 23:24-26, 25:8-10.)

which Ticketmaster has never moved to strike. Counsel for Ticketmaster did not state any position regarding these requests, other than to state that he had no authority to say anything other than Ticketmaster would not provide a supplemental response to these requests, and that this was an issue which needed to be resolved by the magistrate judge on a motion to compel.

#### b. Ticketmaster's Proposed Resolution.

At the mandatory conference of counsel, Ticketmaster's counsel stated that these requests were premature because the Court had not yet ruled on Ticketmaster's motion to dismiss RMG's counterclaims(it has since been granted). (Knight Decl., ¶ 13.) Counsel for RMG countered that even if its counterclaims were ultimately dismissed, RMG still asserted antitrust violations as an affirmative defense. (*Id.*) Ticketmaster's counsel responded that any affirmative defense predicated on antitrust violations would suffer the same infirmities as RMG's counterclaims, and thus the same basis for refusing to produce the requested documents would apply. (*Id.*)

# F. TICKETMASTER'S REFUSAL TO PRODUCE ANY DOCUMENTS PURSUANT TO REQUEST NUMBERS 18-24, 32, 34-40, 44-45, 49-50.

### **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 18:**

Any and all DOCUMENTS which refer, reflect or relate to any investigation that YOU have performed with respect to RMG Technologies, Inc., a Delaware corporation.

#### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 18:**

Plaintiff incorporates by reference each and every one of the General Responses and Objections as though fully set forth herein. Plaintiff further objects to this request to the extent it seeks information neither relevant to the subject matter of this litigation nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it is vague and ambiguous. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it is overbroad, unduly burdensome and oppressive. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it seeks the production of documents containing confidential, sensitive, proprietary, commercial, business and financial information. Plaintiff further objects to this request to the extent that it seeks documents protected by attorney-client privilege or the work-product doctrine.

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Subject to and without waiving the foregoing objections, Plaintiff responds as follows: Plaintiff will make all relevant, non-privileged responsive documents available for inspection under mutually agreeable terms, following entry of a mutually agreeable protective order.

**REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 19:** 

Any and all DOCUMENTS which refer, reflect or relate to RMG Technologies, Inc., a Delaware corporation.

**RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 19:** 

Plaintiff incorporates by reference each and every one of the General Responses and Objections as though fully set forth herein. Plaintiff further objects to this request to the extent that it seeks information neither relevant to the subject matter of this litigation nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it is vague and ambiguous. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it is overbroad, unduly burdensome and oppressive. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it seeks the production of documents containing confidential, sensitive, proprietary, commercial, business and financial information. Plaintiff further objects to this request to the extent that it seeks documents protected by attorneyclient privilege or the work-product doctrine. Subject to and without waiving the foregoing objections, Plaintiff responds as follows: Plaintiff will make all relevant, non-privileged responsive documents available for inspection under mutually agreeable terms, following entry of a mutually agreeable protective order.

**REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 20:** 

Any and all DOCUMENTS which refer, reflect or relate to any communications between YOU and Chris Kovach.

**RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 20:** 

Plaintiff incorporates by reference each and every one of the General Responses and Objections as though fully set forth herein. Plaintiff further objects to this request because it seeks information neither relevant to the subject matter of this litigation nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it is overbroad, unduly burdensome and oppressive. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it violates the right to privacy of a third party. Plaintiff further objects to this request to the extent that it seeks documents protected by attorney-client privilege or the work-product doctrine. Subject to and without waiving the foregoing objections, Plaintiff responds as follows: Plaintiff will make all relevant, non-privileged responsive documents available for inspection under mutually agreeable terms, following entry of a mutually agreeable protective order.

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#### **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 21:**

Any and all DOCUMENTS which refer, reflect or relate to the settlement agreement between YOU and Chris Kovach, as referenced in YOUR motion for preliminary injunction in this matter.

#### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 21:**

Plaintiff incorporates by reference each and every one of the General Responses and Objections as though fully set forth herein. Plaintiff further objects to this request to the extent it seeks information neither relevant to the subject matter of this litigation nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it is overbroad, unduly burdensome and oppressive. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it violates the right to privacy of a third party. Subject to and without waiving the foregoing objections, Plaintiff responds as follows: Plaintiff will make all relevant, non-privileged responsive documents available for inspection under mutually agreeable terms, following entry of a mutually agreeable protective order.

#### **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 22:**

Any and all DOCUMENTS which refer, reflect or relate to any purchase of tickets that Chris Kovach or anyone on his behalf made on ticketmaster.com prior to May of 2007.

## **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 22:**

Plaintiff incorporates by reference each and every one of the General Responses and Objections as though fully set forth herein. Plaintiff further objects to this request to the extent that it seeks information neither relevant to the subject matter of this litigation nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it is overbroad, unduly burdensome and oppressive. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it seeks the production of documents containing confidential, sensitive, proprietary, commercial, business and financial information. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it violates the right to privacy of a third party. Plaintiff further objects to this request to the extent that it seeks documents protected by attorney-client privilege or the work-product doctrine. Subject to and without waiving the foregoing objections, Plaintiff responds as follows: Plaintiff will make all relevant, non-privileged responsive documents available for inspection under mutually agreeable terms, following entry of a mutually agreeable protective order.

## **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 23:**

Any and all DOCUMENTS which refer, reflect or relate to any purchase of tickets that Chris Kovach or anyone on his behalf made on ticketmaster.com subsequent to May of 2007.

**RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 23:** 

Plaintiff incorporates by reference each and every one of the General Responses and Objections as though fully set forth herein. Plaintiff further objects to this request because it seeks information neither relevant to the subject matter of this litigation nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it seeks the production of documents containing confidential, sensitive, proprietary, commercial, business and financial information. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it violates the right to privacy of a third party. Plaintiff further objects to this request to the extent that it seeks documents protected by attorney-client privilege or the work-product doctrine.

**REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 24:** 

Any and all DOCUMENTS which refer, reflect or relate to the first time YOU learned that RMG's devices were allegedly being used on ticketmaster.com.

**RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 24:** 

Plaintiff incorporates by reference each and every one of the General Responses and Objections as though fully set forth herein. Plaintiff further objects to this request to the extent that it seeks information neither relevant to the subject matter of this litigation nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it is vague and ambiguous, including, but not limited to the phrase "RMG's devices." Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it seeks production of documents containing confidential, sensitive, proprietary, commercial, business and financial information. Plaintiff further objects to this request to the extent that it seeks documents protected by attorney-client privilege or the work-product doctrine. Subject to and without waiving the foregoing objections, Plaintiff responds as follows: Plaintiff will make all relevant, non-privileged responsive documents available for inspection under mutually agreeable terms, following entry of a mutually agreeable protective order.

**REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 32:** 

Any and all DOCUMENTS which refer, reflect or relate to any monies that YOU have spent on technological measures that YOU have taken to stop the use of spiders, robots, bots, automatic devices or automated processes on the ticketmaster.com website.

**RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 32:** 

Plaintiff incorporates by reference each and every one of the General Responses and Objections as though fully set forth herein. Plaintiff further objects to this request to the extent that it seeks information neither relevant to the subject matter of this litigation nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it is vague and

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ambiguous, including but not limited to the phrase "refer, reflect or relate to any monies". Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it is compound, overbroad, unduly burdensome and oppressive. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it seeks the production of documents containing confidential, sensitive, proprietary, commercial, business and financial information. Plaintiff further objects to this request to the extent that it seeks documents protected by attorney-client privilege or the work-product doctrine. Subject to and without waiving the foregoing objections, Plaintiff responds as follows: Plaintiff will make all relevant, non-privileged responsive documents available for inspection under mutually agreeable terms, following entry of a mutually agreeable protective order.

**REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 34:** 

Any and all DOCUMENTS which refer, reflect or relate to any money that you have paid to any PERSON who YOU have employed, either as an employee or an independent contractor, in an attempt to stop the use of spiders, robots, bots, automated devices or automated processes on the ticketmaster.com website.

**RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 34:** 

Plaintiff incorporates by reference each and every one of the General Responses and Objections as though fully set forth herein. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it is vague and ambiguous, including but not limited to the phrases "refer, reflect or relate to any money" and "employed . . . in an attempt". Plaintiff further objects to this request to the extent that it lacks foundation. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it is compound, overbroad, unduly burdensome and oppressive. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it seeks the production of documents containing confidential, sensitive, proprietary, commercial, business and financial information. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it violates the right to privacy of a third party. Plaintiff further objects to this request to the extent that it seeks documents protected by attorney-client privilege or the work-product doctrine.

Subject to and without waiving the foregoing objections, Plaintiff

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**REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NUMBER THIRTY-FIVE** 

Any and all DOCUMENTS which refer, reflect or relate to any complaints that any of YOUR CLIENTS have made to YOU regarding the use of spiders, robots, bots, automated devices or automated processes on the ticketmaster.com website.

COGGAN & TARLOW LOS ANGELES NEW YORK **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 35:** 

Plaintiff incorporates by reference each and every one of the General Responses and Objections as though fully set forth herein. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it is vague and ambiguous, including but not limited to the term "complaints". Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it is compound, overbroad, unduly burdensome and oppressive. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it seeks the production of documents containing confidential, sensitive, proprietary, commercial, business and financial information. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it violates the right to privacy of a third party. Plaintiff further objects to this request to the extent that it seeks documents protected by attorney-client privilege or the work-product doctrine.

Subject to and without waiving the foregoing objections, Plaintiff responds as follows: Plaintiff will make all relevant, non-privileged responsive documents available for inspection under mutually agreeable term, following entry of a mutually agreeable protective

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**REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NUMBER THIRTY-SIX** 

Any and all DOCUMENTS which refer, reflect or relate to any complaints that any of YOUR CLIENTS have made to YOU regarding YOUR inability to distribute tickets in a fair and equitable manner.

**RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 36:** 

Plaintiff incorporates by reference each and every one of the General Responses and Objections as though fully set forth herein. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it is vague and ambiguous, including but not limited to the term "complaints". Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it is overbroad, unduly burdensome and oppressive. Plaintiff further objects to this request to the extent that it lacks foundation. Plaintiff further objects to this request to the extent that it seeks information neither relevant to the subject matter of this litigation nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it seeks the production of documents containing confidential, sensitive, proprietary, commercial, business and financial information. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it violates the right to privacy of a third party. Plaintiff further objects to this request to the extent that it seeks documents protected by attorney-client privilege or the work-product doctrine. Subject to and without waiving the foregoing objections, Plaintiff

responds as follows: Plaintiff will make all relevant, non-privileged responsive documents available for inspection under mutually agreeable terms, following entry of a mutually agreeable protective

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REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NUMBER THIRTY-SEVEN

Any and all DOCUMENTS which refer, reflect or relate to any complaints that any of YOUR CUSTOMERS have made to YOU

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regarding YOUR inability to distribute tickets in a fair and equitable manner.

**RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 37:** 

Plaintiff incorporates by reference each and every one of the General Responses and Objections as though fully set forth herein. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it is vague and ambiguous, including but not limited to the term "complaints". Plaintiff further objects to this request to the extent that it lacks foundation. Plaintiff further objects to this request to the extent that it lacks foundation. Plaintiff further objects to this request to the extent that it seeks information neither relevant to the subject matter of this litigation nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it is overbroad, unduly burdensome and oppressive. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it seeks the production of documents containing confidential, sensitive, proprietary, commercial, business and financial information. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it violates the right to privacy of a third party. Plaintiff further objects to this request to the extent that it seeks documents protected by attorney-client privilege or the work-product doctrine. Subject to and without waiving the foregoing objections, Plaintiff responds as follows: Plaintiff will make all relevant, non-privileged responsive documents available for inspection under mutually agreeable terms, following entry of a mutually agreeable protective

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. THIRTY EIGHT

Any and all DOCUMENTS which refer, reflect or relate to the number of tickets available for retail sale for each concert on the "Hannah Montana & Miley Cyrus: Best of Both Worlds Tour" from January 1, 2007 through February 2008.

**RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 38:** 

Plaintiff incorporates by reference each and every one of the General Responses and Objections as though fully set forth herein. Plaintiff further objects to this request because it seeks information neither relevant to the subject matter of this litigation nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it is vague and ambiguous, including but not limited to the phrase "number of tickets available for retail sale". Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it is compound, overbroad, unduly burdensome and oppressive. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it seeks the production of documents containing confidential, sensitive, proprietary, commercial, business and financial information. Plaintiff further objects to this request to the extent that it seeks documents protected by attorney-client privilege or the work-product doctrine. Subject to and without waiving the foregoing objections, Plaintiff responds as follows: Plaintiff will make all relevant, non-privileged responsive documents available for inspection under mutually

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**REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NUMBER THIRTY-NINE** 

Any and all DOCUMENTS which refer, reflect or relate to the number of tickets available for retail sale to fan club members for each concert on the "Hannah Montana & Miley Cyrus: Best of Both Worlds Tour" from January 1, 2007 through February 2008.

**RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 39:** 

Plaintiff incorporates by reference each and every one of the General Responses and Objections as though fully set forth herein. Plaintiff further objects to this request because it seeks information neither relevant to the subject matter of this litigation nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it is vague and ambiguous, including but not limited to the phrase "number of tickets available for retail sale". Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it is compound, overbroad, unduly burdensome and oppressive. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it seeks the production of documents containing confidential, sensitive, proprietary, commercial, business and financial information. Plaintiff further objects to this request to the extent that it seeks documents protected by attorney-client privilege or the work-product doctrine. Subject to and without waiving the foregoing objections, Plaintiff responds as follows: Plaintiff will make all relevant, non-privileged responsive documents available for inspection under mutually agreeable terms, following entry of a mutually agreeable protective order.

**REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NUMBER FORTY** 

Any and all DOCUMENTS which refer, reflect or relate to the number of tickets available for retail sale to the general public for each concert on the "Hannah Montana & Miley Cyrus: Best of Both Worlds Tour" from January 1, 2007 through February 2008.

**RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 40:** 

Plaintiff incorporates by reference each and every one of the General Responses and Objections as though fully set forth herein. Plaintiff further objects to this request because it seeks information neither relevant to the subject matter of this litigation nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it is vague and ambiguous, including but not limited to the phrases "number of tickets available for retail sale" and "general public". Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it is compound, overbroad, unduly burdensome and oppressive. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it seeks the production of documents containing confidential, sensitive, proprietary, commercial, business and financial information. Plaintiff further objects to this request to the extent that it seeks documents protected by attorney-client privilege or the work-

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Subject to and without waiving the foregoing objections, Plaintiff responds as follows: Plaintiff will make all relevant, non-privileged responsive documents available for inspection under mutually agreeable terms, following entry of a mutually agreeable protective order.

#### **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NUMBER FORTY-FOUR**

Any and all DOCUMENTS which refer, reflect or relate to all tickets to the "Hannah Montana & Miley Cyrus: Best of Both Worlds Tour" which YOU sold on the auction portion of the ticketmaster.com website from January 1, 2007 to present.

**RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 44:** 

Plaintiff incorporates by reference each and every one of the General Responses and Objections as though fully set forth herein. Plaintiff further objects to this request because it seeks information neither relevant to the subject matter of this litigation nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it is overbroad, unduly burdensome and oppressive. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it seeks the production of documents containing confidential, sensitive, proprietary, commercial, business and financial information. Plaintiff further objects to this request to the extent that it seeks documents protected by attorney-

#### REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NUMBER FORTY-FIVE

Any and all DOCUMENTS which refer, reflect or relate to the price of each ticket to the "Hannah Montana & Miley Cyrus: Best of Both Worlds Tour" which YOU sold on the auction portion of the ticketmaster.com website from January 1, 2007 to present.

#### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 45:**

Plaintiff incorporates by reference each and every one of the General Responses and Objections as though fully set forth herein. Plaintiff further objects to this request because it seeks information neither relevant to the subject matter of this litigation nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it is overbroad, unduly burdensome and oppressive. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it seeks the production of documents containing confidential, sensitive, proprietary, commercial, business and financial information. Plaintiff further objects to this request to the extent that it seeks documents protected by attorney- client privilege or the work-product doctrine.

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**REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NUMBER FORTY-NINE** 

Any and all DOCUMENTS which refer, reflect or relate to any tickets purchased by or on behalf of Thomas J. Prior on the ticketmaster.com website from February 1, 2007 to present.

**RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 49:** 

Plaintiff incorporates by reference each and every one of the General Responses and Objections as though fully set forth herein. Plaintiff further objects to this request to the extent that it seeks information neither relevant to the subject matter of this litigation nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it is overbroad, unduly burdensome and oppressive. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it seeks the production of documents containing confidential, sensitive, proprietary, commercial, business and financial information. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it violates the right to privacy of a third party. Plaintiff further objects to this request to the extent that it seeks documents protected by attorney-client privilege or the work-product doctrine. Subject to and without waiving the foregoing objections, Plaintiff responds as follows: Plaintiff will make all relevant, non-privileged responsive documents available for inspection under mutually agreeable terms, following entry of a mutually agreeable profective order.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NUMBER FIFTY

Any and all DOCUMENTS which refer, reflect or relate to any tickets purchased by or on behalf of Gary Charles Bonner on the ticketmaster.com website from February 1, 2007 to present.

**RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 50:** 

Plaintiff incorporates by reference each and every one of the General Responses and Objections as though fully set forth herein. Plaintiff further objects to this request to the extent that it seeks information neither relevant to the subject matter of this litigation nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it is overbroad, unduly burdensome and oppressive. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it seeks the production of documents containing confidential, sensitive, proprietary, commercial, business and financial information. Plaintiff further objects to this request on the ground that it violates the right to privacy of a third party. Plaintiff further objects to this request to the extent that it seeks documents protected by attorney-client privilege or the work-product doctrine. Subject to and without waiving the foregoing objections, Plaintiff responds as follows: Plaintiff will make all relevant, non-privileged responsive documents available for inspection under mutually agreeable terms, following entry of a mutually agreeable protective order.

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#### 1. RMG's Contentions and Points and Authorities.

Pursuant to FRCP 34(b)(1)(B), a request for producing documents must specify a reasonable time, place and manner for the inspection and for performing the related acts. Pursuant to FRCP 34(b)(C), an objection to part of a request must specify the part and permit inspection of the rest.

In this matter, Ticketmaster has withheld every document set forth in RMG's request numbers 18-24, 32, 34-40, 44-45 and 49-50 pursuant to its objections, pending the issuance of a protective order. However, it is clear from these requests, that most of the information which would be responsive to the requests are not confidential. These actions on behalf of Ticketmaster are grossly inappropriate. Moreover, all relevant, non-privileged documents which are not confidential should have been provided.

#### 2. TM's Contentions and Points and Authorities.

Most of the documents responsive to these requests are confidential. As of the filing of this joint statement, non-confidential documents responsive to these requests have been produced. Ticketmaster is willing to produce additional responsive documents following entry of a protective order.

#### **Proposed Resolution During Conference of Counsel.** 3.

#### RMG's Proposal. a.

RMG'S counsel asked Ticketmaster's counsel if all documents responsive to request numbers 18-24, 32, 34-40, 44-45 and 49-50 were confidential. Ticketmaster's counsel stated that not all documents responsive to request numbers 18-24, 32, 34-40, 44-45 and 49-50 were confidential. RMG's counsel then requested that Ticketmaster immediately produce the non-confidential documents responsive to request numbers 18-24, 32, 34-40, 44-45 and 49-50, and produce the "confidential" documents upon the resolution of the protective order issue. Ticketmaster's counsel stated Ticketmaster would produce the non-confidential materials, but that he would not "go out on a limb" and provide RMG's counsel

with any definite timeframe as to when that might be. He said he hoped it would be accomplished in two to three weeks, notwithstanding the fact that pursuant to the agreement of the parties these documents were due on January 29, 2008.

#### b. Ticketmaster's proposal.

Months ago, Ticketmaster sent RMG a proposed stipulated protective order, to which RMG never responded. (Knight Decl., ¶ 5.) At the start of the mandatory conference of counsel, Ticketmaster asked RMG if RMG had any comments to the proposed order, because the lack of response was delaying the production of documents. (Knight Decl., ¶ 8.) Counsel for RMG responded that RMG's principals had become angered by the Court's adverse rulings in this matter and were therefore unwilling to negotiate any protective order with Ticketmaster. (*Id.*) RMG's counsel stated that he informed RMG's principals that Ticketmaster would likely move—successfully—for a protective order, but they nevertheless would not give him the authority to enter into a stipulated protective order with Ticketmaster. (*Id.*)

Subsequently, RMG's counsel requested that Ticketmaster produce non-confidential documents despite the lack of a protective order. (*Id.*, ¶ 14.) Ticketmaster's counsel agreed, but informed RMG's counsel that Ticketmaster was in the process of reviewing thousands of pages of documents and that additional time would be needed before such documents could be produced. (*Id.*) Those documents are now being produced.

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